



# AUGUST 06 INTERPRETIVE CALENDAR

## GREAT BROOK FARM STATE PARK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 **	3 ** Jr. Rangers 1-3	4	5
6 Barn Tours @ 11:30am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm  Milking Tour @ 6:15pm	7 Informal Interp @ Butterfly garden	8 **	9 **	10 **  Jr. Rangers 1-3	11	12
13 Barn Tours @ 11:30am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm  Milking Tour @ 6:15pm	14 Informal Interp @ Butterfly garden	15 **	16 **	17 **  NO JR. RANGERS	18	19 JR FARMER 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
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27 SORRY NO TOURS THIS DAY....	28 SORRY NO CHAT THIS DAY....	29	30	31  Jr. Rangers 1-3		
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\*\*Available for private bookings for barn tours or trail walks. Call Rebecca at 978-369-6312, box 3 if no answer.

### **Sundays: Public Barn Tours at 11:30, 1:00, 3:00**

Come learn about these black & white beauties we call Holsteins....and see why we don't call them all cows! You are invited to join the park interpretive ranger outside the ice-cream stand at the gate for a visit into the main barn. Learn how much a cow/heifer eats and drinks in a single day...see how much milk they produce, as well as numerous other fun facts about the largest of all dairy breeds. Take this opportunity to pet a calf or fully grown girl and join the list of those 'slimed at Great Brook Farm State Park'! Experience an interactive, *real* dairy farm...just a few miles from the city limits.

### **Milking Tours at 6:15**

Meet outside the ice-cream stand at the gate and experience the wonder of watching up to 70 Holsteins get milked. Show your children where their milk comes from...how it is obtained...and where it is stored before it goes to the store. Watch how the milk is pumped from the udder into the stainless steel lines; watch the viewing jar collect the creamy white liquid before it pumps it into the 2,000 gallon storage tank. See the babys' bottles and the tools it takes to extract the milk from our girls. Learn how long it would take you to drink the milk produced here on a daily basis. Come and enjoy the farming experience... **MILKING TOURS END FOR SEASON ON AUGUST 27, 2006**

### **Mondays: Public informal interpretive chat**

Meet the park interpretive ranger at the butterfly garden, just past the pavilion and learn about the park's natural, native, and colonial history. How long has the Department of Conservation and



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Recreation owned this land? How many acres make up Great Brook Farm State Park? How many varieties of birds, butterflies, flowers, snakes, etc. are recorded living here? Join us for an informal talk on the value of 'the gem in the northeast'. Questions encouraged.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays may be booked for privately scheduled barn tours or trail walks. Tours may be scheduled by notifying Rebecca at 978-369-6312 or leave a message on box 3.

**Thursdays:** Ages 8-12 year olds are invited to join the park interpretive staff in discovering nature and sciences through our junior ranger programs. We meet on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This year's programs will also include a new program called Junior Farmer. Thursday's programs include: tree studies, ponding, wild edibles, and a butterfly walk and slide show. Junior Farmer will include a day long journey learning the process of *milk from the barn to the table*. The Junior Farmer program will occur on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Your entire family is welcome to join us for this special program! Upon completion of a Junior Ranger Workbook/Activity guide and required attendance, students will receive certificates and patches. Call now to register! We meet at the interpreter's Pavilion. Space is limited.